

ANGEL ANTHONY LEON GUERRERO SANTOS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former Guam Senator Angel Anthony Leon Guerrero Santos, III, a tireless champion of the rights of the Chamorro people. Sadly, Angel passed away on July 6, 2003 after suffering from a degenerative illness.

Angel was born on April 14, 1959 to Amanda Leon Guerrero Santos and Angel Cruz Santos II. He was father to Angel Ray Anthony Santos IV, Sheila Marie Santos Indalecio, Christopher Ray Pangelinan Santos, Vanessa Joy Gumataotao Santos, Francine Nicole Gumataotao Santos (dec.), Brandon Scott Gumataotao Santos, Taga Hurao Santos-Salas, Ke'puha Hirao Santos-Salas, and Sosanbra Elisha Santos-Salas.

Angel was a 13-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He served three terms as a Senator in the Guam Legislature. His belief in the inalienable right of the Chamorro people to self-determination and his dedication to preserving the language and culture led to the establishment of Nasion Chamoru of which he was a founding member and spokesman.

Angel was well-known for his outspoken stance on cultural, environmental and human-rights issues. But he will perhaps be most remembered for his efforts to return lands taken after World War II. It was this battle that led him to successfully pursue a seat in the 23rd, 24th and 26th Guam Legislatures where he authored Guam Public Law 23-141 which mandated the return of excess lands to the original landowners.

Angel fought passionately against issues that stirred much debate. Whether it was land rights or corruption allegations, he was outspoken. When he felt there was an injustice, he fought against it. He often led causes that were controversial. Sometimes those issues made him unpopular with some people. But he loved his home and his people. In every community, people always need someone to stand out in front to lead against those controversial issues, and Angel was that man. His courage in the face of opposition, the strength of conviction and determination to succeed made him a hero to the Chamorro people and earned him the respect of those around him.

As we mourn the untimely passing of Guam's native son, Angel Anthony Leon Guerrero Santos, III, let us remember his inspiring words:

We cannot be passive or silent when human beings endure suffering or humiliation. We must step forward and take sides. We must assist immediately. At times, we may fail. At times, we may make mistakes. But we must never make the mistake of failing to try. People deserve nothing less.—Angel Santos, 1994

Generations will come and generations will pass, but if no generation has the conscience, the courage and moral conviction to right the wrong doings of the past; then, the next generation will have to live with the same injustices of the future.—Angel Santos, 1999

On behalf of the people of Guam, I extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to his family and friends of Angel Anthony Leon

Guerrero Santos, III. Adios Angel. Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 10, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation in my district.

I request that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD reflect that had I been present and voting, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 348, "yes" on rollcall No. 349, "yes" on rollcall No. 350, "yes" on rollcall No. 351, "no" on rollcall No. 352, and "no" on rollcall No. 353.

TRIBUTE TO THE DETROIT REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the Detroit Regional Chamber's leading role in fostering Michigan's prosperity over the past century.

The Detroit Regional Chamber was founded in 1903 with 253 charter members. It is now the largest Chamber of Commerce in the United States with more than 19,000 active members. For a century, the Detroit Regional Chamber has made many important contributions throughout Southeast Michigan. From its significant participation in the "Campaign for Good Roads" in 1910 and 1911 to its influential work toward setting up the SMART bus system, the Detroit Regional Chamber has demonstrated itself as a dependable community leader in Southeast Michigan.

With a new century come new challenges for our region. Looking at its endeavors in the past 100 years, the Detroit Regional Chamber will continue to remain the important leader that Southeastern Michigan has come to depend upon. I stand ready and look forward to cooperating with the Detroit Regional Chamber and other community leaders to meet these new challenges.

I salute the Detroit Regional Chamber on its 100th anniversary and I thank the officers and staff of the Chamber for their hard work. They have worked tirelessly to make Detroit attractive to the business community. I appreciate all that they do. With their continued hard work, I am confident they will achieve greater accomplishments for the Detroit Chamber of Commerce and the City of Detroit in the 21st century.

FREDERICK W. ROSEN

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2003

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, Fred-

erick (Fred) W. Rosen. Mr. Rosen was a Naval Officer, a businessman, a hometown hero, and above all, a patriot. He was a friend to a President and national leaders and a witness to history. For his contributions to Dalton, Georgia and indeed the history of this great nation, I pay honor to him posthumously; Mr. Rosen died peacefully on July 14, 2003.

Fred Rosen was born in 1917 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Eastern European Jewish immigrants. In the 1930s, as the Depression consumed the nation, Mr. Rosen's brother Ira moved to Dalton, Georgia seeking opportunity in the textile industry by opening the La Rose Bedsread Company. Mr. Rosen was a loyal Bulldog, attending the University of Georgia and playing football there. His brother Ira ran the business with Mr. Rosen, while brother Eli became a physician who practiced in Dalton. Mr. Rosen's sister, Helene, who survives him, today resides near Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1941, Fred Rosen answered Lt. Commander John D. Bulkeley's call for the "toughest, hard-boiled men who can take all the punishment in the world" and joined the Navy. Arriving in Charleston, S.C., Mr. Rosen met a young man from Boston named John F. Kennedy. The two trained alongside one another to serve on the Navy's newest vessel—the PT Boat, a vessel designed for stealth in the darkness. Rosen achieved the rank of Lt. Commander, becoming the skipper of his own ship, PT 207 of the squadron MTB Ron 15. During WWII, the squadron engaged in 73 actions and 55 OSS missions with 30 enemy vessels destroyed.

From 1941–1944, Mr. Rosen served in the Mediterranean and received ribbons for more than half a dozen missions and a Purple Heart, awarded in 1943, for a burned hand which resulted from the only time his boat was shelled by the Germans. Later in the war, PT 207 under Mr. Rosen's command sank a German naval ship. From 1944 until the end of the war, he served aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific theater.

In August of 1943, Herbert L. Matthews of The New York Times, climbed aboard Mr. Rosen's PT Boat, bringing Americans their first glimpse of the Navy's newest naval creation. Matthews' account of traveling aboard the small ship through unfortunate weather brought Americans closer to the plight of their fighting forces abroad. Matthews wrote: "I have never seen men more tired than the officers who barely managed to stand up in the gray light of dawn, still streaked with lightening from a heavy rainstorm that we had run into during the night."

Mr. Rosen was a witness to history, as he remained friendly after leaving military service with Kennedy and also future Undersecretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay. When Kennedy married Jacqueline Bouvier, he was the only PT boat commander in attendance. Mr. Rosen was on the board of PT Boat Men for Kennedy, which campaigned for the candidate during his presidential campaign in 1960. In 1961, Mr. Rosen was invited to witness his dear friend being sworn in as President of the United States. In March of 1962, Mr. Rosen and his fellow PT Boat Men presented Kennedy with a Steuben Glass replica of the famed Boat, which sat on his desk in the Oval Office as long as he was President. Just after Kennedy's assassination, Mr. Rosen said to a local paper: "I hope we pull through this crisis and don't lose our sense of morality."